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HOUSE MEMORIAL 9

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A MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING THE VETERANS' ORAL HISTORY PROJECT AND ENCOURAGING
NEW MEXICANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the veterans' oral history project was authorized
on October 27, 2000 when Public Law 106-380 was signed into law
by President Clinton after receiving unanimous bipartisan
support in congress; and

WHEREAS, the American folklife center at the library of
congress launched a program to collect and preserve the
personal experiences and oral histories of America's war
veterans; and

WHEREAS, there are nineteen million war veterans living in
the United States but every day we lose one thousand seven
hundred of them; and

WHEREAS, the veterans' oral history project encourages war

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1 veterans, their families, veterans groups, communities and
2 students to make audiotapes and videotapes of veterans'
3 memories of their time in service military; and

4 WHEREAS, collecting the oral histories of American
5 veterans is critical to preserving our history as we enter the
6 twenty-first century; and

7 WHEREAS, these histories will be an invaluable resource
8 for future generations; and

9 WHEREAS, a veterans' oral history project is being
10 conducted in New Mexico and copies of oral histories of
11 veterans, including interviews and pictures, are being
12 cataloged at the state records center and archives and are
13 being collected at the museum of New Mexico, the Bataan
14 memorial military museum and library and other appropriate
15 locations;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the veterans'
18 oral history project be supported; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be encouraged
20 to participate in the project; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the museum of New Mexico, the Bataan memorial
23 military museum and library and the New Mexico veterans'
24 service commission.

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